



Washoe Meadows State Park

PARKS OR PROFITS?

California's State Parks and Recreation Commission voted to allow a golf course to be expanded within Washoe Meadows State Park. To make the development legally possible, the commissioners downgraded the state park to a recreation area—setting a dangerous precedent that puts all state parks at risk.

The state purchased Washoe Meadows in 1984, citing the land's outstanding ecological assets— rare fens, meadows, forests, wetlands, and cultural sites. The state park is home to a diversity of wildlife—Black bear, Pine marten, Coyote, birds, and fish, including Rainbow, Eastern Brook, and Brown trout. The park also provides a range of no-cost, family-friendly recreation—hiking, jogging, birding, and walking in nature. Nothing has changed since the park was established to justify removing it from the state parks system.

The Washoe Meadows Community—which comprises a diverse group of parks advocates, environmentalists and public lands activists from throughout the state—continues to stand against commercial interests that favor golf course development over protection of natural, cultural and recreational resources on land held in the Public Trust.

Washoe Meadows Community won a favorable court ruling in April 2015 which cancelled State Parks' approval of the project. State Parks appealed the decision, which is actually the second court case in which Washoe Meadows Community prevailed. The case will be heard in Appeals Court in the coming year.

We believe that restoration of the river stretch that has been damaged by the current golf course on the other side of the river has NOT been a priority. Instead, the proposal by State Parks sacrifices resources so that concessionaires within billion dollar corporations owned by Wall Street giants Goldman Sachs and Starwood Capitol stand to profit.

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Stop the Madness

- **NO** to the downgrading in classification of park land
- **NO** to golf course development in a state park
- **YES** to holding government agencies accountable to responsibilities in the protection of natural, cultural and recreational resources in land held in the Public Trust.



**Protect
Washoe Meadows**

